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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

WANG, WEN-CHANG

Examiner

Theresa T. Snider

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 15 July 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference sign(s) mentioned in the description: 1121(page 1, line 23), 131(page 2, line 5). Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

Exemplary of such:

Page 2, line 16(and occurrences there after), it is unclear as to what is meant by 'host'.

Does Applicant mean 'hose'?

Page 9, line 9, 'turns' should be replaced with 'turn'.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Exemplary of such:

Claim 1, line 12, it is unclear as to what is meant by 'host';

Line 19 and 20, to avoid confusion with the elements of the same name of the handle, the 'first connecting portion' and the 'second connecting portion' should be renamed;

Line 21, 'the second connecting portion' of the handle or the housing?

Line 21, 'being formed' should be replaced with 'having'(or the like).

Claim 2, lines 8-9, it is unclear as to what is meant by 'up and down pivotally connected'.

Claim 3, lines 16-17, it is unclear as to what is meant by 'extending from outside';
outside of what?

Lines 17-18, it is unclear as to what is meant by 'left and right pivotally connected'.

Claim 4, lines 22-23, it is unclear as to what is meant by 'folded towards the first connecting portion';

Line 23, 'at two ends thereof' of what structure?

Line 23, 'so that' should be replaced with 'forming';

Line 1, 'are formed' should be deleted.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claim 1 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

6. Claims 2-4 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art discloses a vacuum cleaner having a housing, a fan and motor disposed in the housing, a filtering net in the housing, a cover coupled to the housing at an inner end, a flexible hose joined to the housing and a handle joined to the housing HOWEVER fails to disclose or fairly suggest the handle being formed with a first connecting portion at a first end and an elastic second connecting portion at a second end; the second connecting portion having an engaging protrusion formed at a downwards-projecting section and opposing the first connecting portion; the handle having an engaging trench formed on an upper side of the second end; the housing having a first connecting portion and an upper side of an inner end; the second connecting portion being formed with an engaging hole thereon; the handle being pivoted to the first connecting portion of the housing with the engaging protrusion of the elastic second connecting portion thereof being releasably engaged with the engaging hole of the second connecting portion of the housing.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Crabb, Clements, Sandell, Lee and Sullivan disclose a vacuum cleaner with a

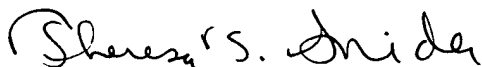
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housing, a fan and motor disposed in the housing, a filter and a flexible hose joined to the housing. Ortega discloses a vacuum cleaner with a housing being formed with a reel portion. Haskell and Yamamoto et al. disclose a housing with a pivotal handle. Shinoda and Munari disclose a housing with a removable handle.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Theresa T. Snider whose telephone number is (571) 272-1277. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday (5:30am-2:00pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Kim can be reached on (571) 272-1142. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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